

CAPITAL STOCK DOUBLED.

Lumber Company That is Building Railroad Increases Capital to Half Million—Governor Will Not Attend Inauguration—Habit Foot Prepared to Be Sent to the New President—Another Hydrophobic Patient.

Observer Bureau.
The Holleman Building,
Raleigh, Feb. 23.

To-day the Montgomery Lumber Company, of which Mr. Guy J. Hall of Spring Hope is the president, increased its capital stock from \$250,000 to \$500,000. This company is building a very fine line of road from Spring Hope in the direction of Raleigh, and is putting down 60,000 rails and steel bridges of the best construction. New miles are being built and about four miles more graded on this side of the river, that stream having already been crossed. Of course, it is quite as important that the Atlanta coast line will be in position to have the road for passenger and freight traffic and there is naturally much desire to have it come to Raleigh. The impact of commerce has again been up to this matter.

Governor Kitchin appoints 32 delegates to the convention representing the various Southern states, called by Governor Kitchin at Louisiana, at New Orleans, March 26th, to consider and recommend to the Legislature of the various States of the South a uniform code labor law. M. L. Shipman, W. H. Farrell, M. H. Sawyer, W. W. W. Turner, D. Y. M. Pearson, W. M. Thomas, J. B. Thomas, N. J. Kennedy and John Thomas.

To-day the state Agricultural Department received direct from Turkey a package of tobacco seed of the class in the world, and these seeds will be distributed in small quantities to North Carolina growers who wish to cultivate this tobacco.

Another patient a boy named Altemuth, arrived today to be treated for the bite of a mad dog. The head of the dog was received by Dr. Sherrill and the toes, which showed that the animal had rabies.

It now seems reasonably certain that Governor Kitchin will not go to the inauguration of Mr. Taft, for it is not known that any group will represent this State on this occasion.

A rabbit foot, gold-mounted, has been prepared here to be sent by Mr. John F. Smith to Mr. Taft. One was sent from here to Mr. McKnight when he was inaugurated. A group was paid to take a graveyard lot and shoot a rabbit and be sure to get the left hind foot, which the doctor believes is the one carrying the "big charm."

It is understood that next week day before the Legislature adjourns the Governor will send in his nominations for the various boards of directors, including all on the penal reformatory board.

Grand Secretary Drewry announces that a new ledger of Missions has been established at Lincoln.

In an interview with Governor Kitchin regarding the various anti-trust bills now before the Legislature, he said: "Personally, I favor the strongest anti-trust legislation and the best machinery for its enforcement which can be devised to destroy private industrial monopoly."

STORMS THROUGHOUT SOUTH.

Louisville Especially Hard Hit By Tormenting Rains and High Wind—Reports From Other Centers.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 23.—Storm and flood conditions throughout Kentucky and especially Louisville and vicinity, today in many instances caused a suspension of business, an interruption of transportation by rail routes and much damage to property. Many persons had to flee to high ground with their movable property.

Rain fell in torrents last night and today over a territory extending from central Indiana south through Kentucky and into Tennessee and central Georgia, but the storm was the severest in Kentucky.

Birds, Ketch, a boy hurrying home from school in the building rain, was struck by a Louisville street car and killed.

Street car traffic in Louisville suffered severely. Residential suburbs were without transportation. A hundred residents along Bear Grass creek were driven from home. Nearly 250 cattle were drowned in that place.

Delaware Park suffered severely. Several bridges were torn away by floods pouring down Bear Grass creek.

Many bridges in central Kentucky have been carried away and much live stock lost.

In southern Indiana all streams are rising and the Ohio is above its flood stage at Evansville. Near orms, Ill., a big freight train was washed out. A brakeman was killed and the conductor injured.

ARMY OFFICER A SUICIDE.

Lieutenant John J. Moller Believed to Have Taken His Own Life Because His Best Girl Went Back on Him.

New York, Feb. 23.—Speculation was rife in army circles today over the motives which could have driven Lieutenant John J. Moller, of the Eighth Infantry, United States army, to commit suicide by shooting himself late last night in a room at the Grand Union Hotel. As a result a story was revived to the effect that the young army officer had been jilted less than a year ago by a young woman with whom he had become acquainted while stationed at Governors Island and to whom he had been attentive up to the time of his departure for the Philippines.

While stationed in the islands, Lieutenant Moller was tried before a court-martial on a charge of having fondled civilians on the part of the Filipino chiefs, but the verdict of the court exonerated him and when he returned from the far East it was with the idea of renewing his suit with the young woman.

Upon landing at San Francisco, however, he learned that during his absence the lady had become engaged to another, and this proved on his mind, his friends declare. She is said to have since married.

Three young women called at the morgue late tonight and requested permission to see the body of Lieutenant Moller. They declined to give their names or addresses. They appeared deeply moved when shown the body and the youngest one inquired for a ring which she said the lieutenant had worn on his left hand. She was told that the ring was in the possession of the police.

Chaplain Smith, of Fort Jay, Governors Island, said today that four weeks ago a man servant of Moller's shot himself in exactly the same way that Moller had done. In both cases the bullet he said, entered the right temple and made its exit on the left side of the head. The chaplain added that the lieutenant thought a great deal of the servant.

Lecture at Spencer on Handling of Explosives.

Special to The Observer.

Spencer, Feb. 23.—Colonel J. L. Taylor special agent of the American Railway Association, from Washington, gave an illustrated lecture at the Spencer Railroad Y. M. C. A. on safe methods of handling explosives, and the method employed by the association in the transportation of same. The address was of unusual interest to Spencer on account of the terrific explosion of a powder magazine here last October when thousands of dollars' worth of property and four lives were lost. It is not known whether or not the Southern is employing the lecture at all points on the system with a view to forestalling another explosion, but the plan is a commendable one.

If damage claims against the Southern at Spencer incident to the explosion last fall 208 have been compromised and settled. Four are now pending in the courts.

Care of The Bathroom.

To insure perfect safety from disease germs every part of the bathroom should be looked after and a daily cleaning and weekly scrubbing are necessary to keep it in a sanitary condition. The tub should be cleaned each time after its use. For this purpose keep in the bathroom a bottle of a solution made by dissolving two tablespoonfuls of Gold Dust washing powder in half a gallon of water. Once a week thoroughly scrub and scald the tub, basin, floor and all the fixtures with hot suds made from the washing powder and pour down the pipes boiling water to which has been added two tablespoonfuls of Gold Dust washing powder to every gallon of water. Use a small brush or bent hairpin to remove lint from the waste pipes. Clean the nickel and brass fixtures in the bathroom by rubbing with equal parts of white and Gold Dust washing powder.

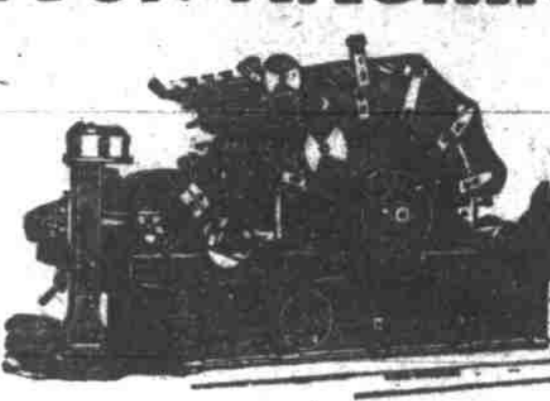
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Thirteen Persons Killed and Many Injured By Storm Which Sweeps Four Counties—One Town Practically Wiped Off the Map.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 23.—Thirteen persons were killed several others were injured and property valued at many thousands of dollars was destroyed by a storm which originated in London, Tenn., eastern Arkansas, moving northwestward, traversed the counties of Franklin, Phillips, Woodruff and Polk early today according to reports received here tonight. The death toll in the county are:

Little Rock (Gunnell), aged 7 years.
New Augusta, Woodruff county, John, Elmer and the Hon. Ben and wife, Thelma Epps, unidentified negro.

At least six are dead at Fisher, Polk county.

Because of the interruption of wire communication with the western part of the state the most meagre information is available tonight.

At Fisher, a town of 400 inhabitants, it is reported that but two buildings remain standing and that many injured are imprisoned among the wreckage of the damaged buildings. A relief train with physicians and nurses left Little Rock late this afternoon for that point.

TORNADO IN ARKANSAS.

House Plans to Put Through a Ship Subsidy Law.

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A synopsis of the committee today indicated that the vote on this measure will be 10 to 8 of the twelve Republicans, Representatives Stanford, of Wisconsin, and Murdock, of Kansas, may vote with the six Democrats against the bill.

New York Central Must Pay Fine of \$100,000.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The verdict of the United States Circuit Court for the Southern District of New York, imposing a fine of \$100,000 upon the New York Central Railroad company on the charge of granting rebates to the American Sugar Company was today affirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States.

The rebates to the American Sugar Refining company were given in payments of sugar in 1903 from New York to Cleveland and Detroit. Six rebates were charged and fine of \$10,000 each were imposed by the trial court.

THE CHEW THEY CHOOSE

“Why, I chew it, too!”

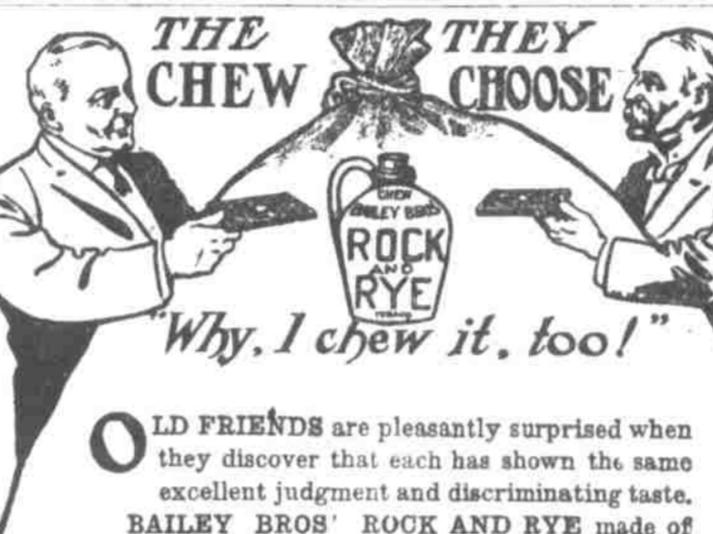
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FRANCE SEES HANDWRITING.

Tariff Commission Adopts Amendment Restoring Old Maximum and Minimum With Regard to Cotton Seed Oil—Fears American Retaliation.

Paris, Feb. 24.—The tariff commission at the close of its meeting today adopted an amendment restoring the old maximum and minimum rates for all oils with the exception of cotton seed oil, which will pay a uniform rate of 25 francs per 100 kilos. It also maintained its decision with regard to shelled meat.

The opposition to a revision of the French tariff which proposes an increase in the duties on American products to an average of 20 per cent, as against the 10 per cent increase on European goods was evidenced again today when Minister of Commerce Chappedain appeared before the tariff commission and urged especially that no increase be made in the existing duty on cotton seed oil, which comes from the United States, Foreign Minister Pichon and Minister of Agriculture, Roussin also spoke along the same line. The government fears that this increase will result in the loss of a portion of the tariff returns on the part of America.

LYNCHING STORY UNFOUNDED.

Two Young White Men Arrested at Culberson Charged With Brutal Assault Upon a Young Woman—Two Others Implicated Have Not Been Arrested—Law Will Be Allowed to Take Its Course.

El Paso, Feb. 23.—A story that three white men had been lynched near here are unfounded. There has been considerable excitement and some talk of lynching as the result of an alleged criminal assault upon the person of a young woman on January 29th, for which two young white men, Bill Lowdermilk and James May, have been arrested but it is now certain that the law will be allowed to take its course.

It is alleged that Bill Lowdermilk, James Monday and two other young men forced Miss Robinson, at the point of a revolver, to submit to brutal indignities. Lowdermilk having first induced her to leave home under the promise of marriage and to get into the Murphy jail in default of \$20,000 bond. Lowdermilk gave bond in the sum of \$250. The other two young men implicated have not been arrested.

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Mystery Surrounds Detachment of Captain Hutchins.

Washington, Feb. 23.—No explanation of the cause for Captain Hamilton M. Hutchins' detachment from command of the battleship Kearsarge by Admiral Squires at Philadelphia, for the reason he is carrying aboard a passenger steamer is available at the Navy Department, Rear Admiral Pillsbury, chief of the bureau of investigation declared today that he had not the slightest idea why Captain Hutchins was detached from his command, unless on account of illness, and needless have reached the department on the subject from Rear Admiral Squires.

Russia Will Revogicate Bulgaria's Independence.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—Imperial Ferdinand of Bulgaria who has just departed from Sofia here today will bring along his stay in St. Petersburg the will of the Russian Government, which is non-political in nature, and which has been insisted upon several times. The result has been an agreement that there is not the slightest doubt of the de facto recognition of Bulgaria by King and Government, independent of Russia. It is believed that Bulgaria will follow Russia's example with a few days.

Sixteen Years For Killing His Sweetheart.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 23.—John Morgan Haynes was tonight found guilty of murder in the second degree and sentenced to 16 years in the State penitentiary on a charge with the murder of his sweetheart, 16-year old Vivian Madeline Saunders, on November 6th. The defense was mental irresponsibility from drinking. A motion for a new trial was made and will be argued Thursday.

Fire Burns Buffalo Factory.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 23.—Fire tonight destroyed the six-story brick building on the northeast corner of Pearl street and Tenth and partly destroyed the upper floor of the two buildings to the north of Pearl street. The loss is estimated at \$450,000. The heaviest losers are H. J. Brock & Co., Jackson & Wilson and John A. Frank. All the firms were manufacturers and wholesale dealers in clothing.

Honorary to Have Help in Prosecuting Newspapers.

Washington, Feb. 23.—United States Assistant District Attorney McNamara has been commissioned by Attorney General Bonaparte as special assistant to the Attorney General to aid in the prosecution of the Press Publishing Company, the editors of The New York World and the owners of The Indianapolis News, recently indicted for alleged criminal libel of President Roosevelt, William H. Taft and others in connection with the purchase of the Panama canal.

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The Crest Rescued From a Perilous Position.

Scotlan, Mass., Feb. 24.—After bounding in the mud off Fort Warren on Georges Island in the outer harbor, the White Star liner Crest, inward bound, with nearly 1,000 passengers from Mediterranean ports on board, brought up on Centurion ledge, half a mile east of the fort at 11:50 last night, and was apparently in a dangerous position at an early hour this morning.

The tug pulled the Crest into deep water at 1:15 a. m., and towed her to quarantine. The steamer was not badly damaged.

SOLDIER BALKS DEATH PLOT.

It seemed to J. A. Nease a civil war veteran of Kemp Troop, that a plot existed between a deserter, lung trouble and the possibility of a death. "I contracted a stubborn cold," he writes, "that developed a cough that stuck to me. In spite of all remedies, for years I was unable to get better. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, which restored my health completely. I now weigh 175 pounds. For severe cold, croup, whooping cough, asthma, and to prevent pneumonia it's unrivaled. See and buy Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists."

Indoor Pole Vault Record Broken.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Charles S. Jarvis, of the University of Chicago, broke the world's indoor pole vault record tonight by clearing the bar at 12 feet 2 inches in the dual track meet between the Chicago Athletic Association and the University of Chicago at Hartlett gymnasium.

Reunion For Fitzhugh Lee's Widow.

Washington, Feb. 23.—On motion of Senator Daniel, of Virginia, the centennial pension bill passed by the Senate today was amended to provide a pension of \$50 a month to Ellen B. Lee, widow of the late Brigadier General Fitzhugh Lee.

Louisiana Town Damaged By Storm.

Monroe, La., Feb. 23.—A severe rain and wind storm struck Monroe this morning. A number of buildings were partially demolished entailing a loss of several thousands of dollars. No lives were lost.

Tragedy in Georgia Town.

Waycross, Ga., Feb. 23.—As a result of a difficulty in a resort near Douglas, Ga., late last night, Herman Douglas was shot and killed and Robert Henley was fatally wounded. Both are well-known young men. R. A. L. Day and three women have been arrested. Feeding is intense.

Will the North Carolina Be Used to Bear Another Notable Abroad?

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 23.—The receipt of an order to-day from the Navy Department by Captain W. A. Marshall, directing him to make changes in the special quarters of the North Carolina, occupied by President-elect Taft on his recent trip to Panama, is causing considerable speculation among fleet officers.

Augusta Tourists Raise Money For Negro Orphanage.

Augusta, Ga., Feb. 23.—Young citizens of the city, North Carolina, at one of the last of their new holidays raised \$2,150 with which to pay off the mortgage on the building to be constructed for the South Georgia orphanage, which was pathetically wrecked by the Taft in his recent trip to Panama.

Prior to leaving Augusta, Mr. Taft donated \$25 to the institution. John D. Ricketts gave a \$100 of the money just raised. The orphanage is conducted by Mrs. Dan McArthur, an aged ex-slave.

Ackerman Meets His Match.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 23.—Al Ackerman was thrashed at Greenville in a wrestling match tonight for the first time in his career. He was defeated by a wrestler from the best in the country in this city.